GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:423
ANSWERED ON:24.08.2006
OPENING OF HALT STATIONS
Murmu Shri Hemlal

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) The criteria for opening a halt station;

(b) The number of halt stations opened during each of the last three years and the current year on each Zonal Railway;

(c) Whether the halt stations are managed by the contractors appointed by the Railways;

(d) If so, whether a large number of commercial staff is deployed for issuing tickets and commercial activities at the Halt stations; and

(e) If so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 423 BY SHRI HEMLAL MURMU TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.08.2006 REGARDING OPENING OF HALT STATIONS

(a): A halt station is opened on public demand if found financially viable and feasible from operating and engineering points of view. The opening of halt station is also considered on passenger amenity ground. (b): The number of halt stations opened during the last three years and in the current year, railway-wise and year-wise are given in Appendix-I.(c): Yes, Sir. (d) & (e): No, Sir. Halt stations are normally managed by halt contractors appointed by railways. However, in some special cases tickets are issued temporarily through commercial staff/ guard at those halt stations where the halt contractor leaves the halt or contract is terminated before completion of agreement period or where no suitable contractor is found. This is done to continue an essential service to the passengers.

APPENDIX -I

APPENDIX-I REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 423 BY SHRI HEMLAL MURMU TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.08.2006 REGARDING OPENING OF HALT STATIONS.

Railway	Number of halt stations opened during the year			
	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07 (upto July, 2006)
Central	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Eastern	06	Nil	02	Nil
East Central	27	20	09	01
East Coast	Nil	Nil	01	Nil
Northern	01	01	Nil	Nil
North Central	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
North Eastern	04	01	Nil	02
Northeast Frontier	01	06	04	Nil
North Western	01	01	Nil	Nil
Southern	03	03	03	Nil
South Central	01	09	02	01
South Eastern	09	10	Nil	Nil
Southeast Central	02	Nil	02	Nil
South Western	05	02	01	Nil
Western	01	Nil	Nil	Nil
West Central	Nil	01	Nil	Nil